

Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.
'THE GONDOLIERS.'

The Society will give THREE PERFORMANCES OF THIS OPERA on the following dates, commencing EACH EVENING, at 9 p.m. precisely, SATURDAY, 7th February, MONDAY, 9th February, SATURDAY, 14th February.

Seals may be booked at LANE, CHAMFORD & Co.

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SPECIAL TRAM-CARS will run as follows:—

Down.	Up.
Saturday, 7th Feb. 8.30 15 min. after	do. 14th do. 8.45 of Gondoliers.

ROBERT L'YALL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 3, 1891. 190

Intimations.

Deutsche Dampfschiffe
Rhederei zu Hamburg.THE IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
STEAMERS OF THE SUNDA LINE.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ROUTE.
OUTWARD.—Hamburg, Amsterdam, Southampton, Genoa, Port Said, Singapore, Batavia, Samarang, Surabaya.
HOMeward.—Surabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore, Port Said, Marseilles, Amsterdam, Hamburg.

ARRIVALS IN SINGAPORE, 1891.

LEAVE GENOA, ARRIVE SINGAPORE.
Jan. 10th s.s. *Salatiga* Feb. 10th
Feb. 16th s.s. *Tosari* March 13th
March 16th s.s. *Lovang* April 10th
April 16th s.s. *Prick* May 11th
DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE 1891.
LEAVE SINGAPORE, ARRIVE MARSSEILLES.
March 8th s.s. *Salatiga* April 3rd
April 5th s.s. *Tosari* May 1st
May 6th s.s. *Lovang* June 1st
June 6th s.s. *Prick* July 1st

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The Mail steamers of the SUNDIA LINE are not only built, and are furnished with every requisite for the comfort of PASSENGERS. They are fitted with the latest improvements to meet the requirements of travellers in the tropics. The whole of the CARGO, including the SALOON, are on deck, and each vessel has a special upper deck for promenade.

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The steamers of this line have superior accommodation for first class passengers at moderate rates.

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Mrs. BOHM,
Proprietress.
Hongkong, August 30, 1889. 1662

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DOROTHY, British barque, Captain A. Croal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
JOHN BAILEY, American barquentine, Captain F. P. Shepherd—Master.
LANDSKRONA, British barque, Capt. Jas. W. Boyd.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LUCKY A. NICHOLS, American ship, Capt. O. M. Nichols.—Carlewitz & Co.
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Hongkong, December 16, 1890. 2164

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 167

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Hongkong, December 16, 1890. 2165

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TO LET—FURNISHED.

FOR 12 Months or less, 'BANGOUR' 5 ROOMS and TENNIS COURT.
For Particulars, apply to
MESSRS. PALMER & TURNER.
Hongkong, December 17, 1890. 2142

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Hongkong, December 30, 1890.

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JOHN A. JUPP,
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Hongkong, October 4, 1890. 2262

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Hongkong, January 3, 1891. 30

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Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 219

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Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Hongkong, February 2, 1891. 231

TO LET.

BLUE BUILDINGS.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, December 24, 1890. 2225

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would be materially aided if the SENATE of the COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (1) Glass Jars for museum purposes. (2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Students' Reading Room and Library.
Address to
JAMES CANTLIE,
Hon. Sec. to the College.
Hongkong, August 7, 1889. 1917

Notices to Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *William Bramford*, Captain F. Brown, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th Feb. or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1891. 168

STEAMSHIP CALBROEN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex Steamships *Lyria* and *de Vergues* and *Frederic Morel*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee before Noon TO-DAY (Thursday), the 29th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 5th February, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 7th February, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 29, 1891. 109

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

MR. KENNEDY begs to inform the Community of HONGKONG that he intends starting OMNIBUSES TO-MORROW MORNING leaving the Clock Tower for the Race Course, at 5.45.

He has 10 in ALL, but at present ONLY 3 READY; when all are Ready, he intends running them Regularly, between East and West Points, also to Quarry Bay.

The Omnibuses were built in ENGLAND, by one of the Best Builders, and are fitted with every comfort.

Hongkong, February 4, 1890. 241

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A 'PICK UP' will be commenced at 11 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 7th inst. Members wishing to play will please sign their Names on the List lying on the table in the CLUB ASTEROOM or on the one in the CRICKET PAVILION, on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, the 6th instant.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 237

TO LET.

N O. 4, WEST TERRACE.
Entry, 1st March.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 240

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE, VIA SINGAPORE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship *Cathlamet*, Captain DARRK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 7th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 3, 1891. 238

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship *Yongking*, Captain TRICKER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 242

The Overland China Mail.

A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL, IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each EVENING and MORNING Steamer for Europe. It contains special Commercial Intelligence, special tables of Shipping, and other information. The various Reports of Courts and Meetings, and all other news, are given in full as they appear in the Daily Press.

The *Overland China Mail*, by the convenience of its form and the accuracy and fulness of its reports, has long been popular with residents who wish to send home a weekly budget of the news of Hongkong and the Far East. Circulating, as it does, among nearly all the old China hands at Home and also among residents at the Treaty Ports and in the interior, it offers special advantages to advertisers.

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Business Notices.

CLEARANCE SALE.

LAST 3 DAYS
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Hongkong Trading Company, Ltd.

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship *Yongking*, Captain BRADLEY, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 244

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.
The Co's Steamship *Fokien*, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 245

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co's Steamship *Prism*, Capt. WILSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 10th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 243

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, &c.
COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable Jelly, easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children specially grow fond of it and ask for more and although it contains 50% of the purest Cod Liver Oil, its fishy taste and flavour is entirely covered.

In glass jars at 75 Cents.
COD LIVER OIL 'GENUINE' NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy live fish in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine.'

Per bottle, 75 Cents and \$1.25.
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A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

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A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

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For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

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The remedy for Indigestion, Cold in the Head, Hay Fever, Catarrh. Prepared from a prescription of Sir R. Martin. 50 Cents and \$1.00.

TELEPHONE NO. 69.
Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 163

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 4, 1891.—
Fokien, British steamer, 509, Davis, Swatow February 3, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.
Lyneum, German steamer, 1,233, G. Houermann, Shanghai February 1, General—SIMMONS & Co.
Pinguey, British steamer, 1,982, J. C. Jacques, Shanghai January 31, General—ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Acadie, British steamer, 1,055, J. Rowin, Saigon January 29, Rick—A. G. MORRIS.
Telfa, Norwegian steamer, 1,639, Amundsen, Cardiff December 20, Coal—ORRIS.
Hogg, British steamer, 990, H. W. Briggs, Bombay January 31, Coal—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Lebanon, German steamer, 1,560, W. Brunsing, Bombay January 20, Sugar—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Severn, British cruiser, from a cruise.

CLEARED.

Formosa, for Swatow.
Pakun, for Swatow.
Pinguey, for Singapore and London.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Formosa* leaves for Swatow, &c.
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—*Batavia* leaves for Vancouver (B.O.), via Yokohama, &c.
4 p.m.—*Yikang* leaves for Shanghai.

Miscellaneous.

9 a.m.—Artillery Practice at Stone-cutter's Island.
Goods per Steamer *Caledonia* unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.

2.30 p.m.—Examination for the Post of Clerk and Interpreter in the Botanical and Afforestation Department in the Council Chamber.
Claims against the *Wm. Bramford* must be sent in to Messrs Russell & Co., on or before this date.

Goods per *Glenarney* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Niche* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
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(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)
HONGKONG.

WE invite attention to the following old landed Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money. The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram receive prompt attention.

For *Formosa*, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.
For *Pakun*, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
For *Formosa*, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.
For *Pakun*, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer *Fokien* reports: Left Swatow 3rd February, and experienced moderate East winds and fine, but cloudy to Mindoro Island; from there overcast and light drizzling rain to port. Steamers in *Seyuan*, *Singapore*, *Hankow*, *Tientsin* and *Swatow*.

The German steamer *Lyneum* reports: Had fresh North-Westerly winds and cloudy weather to Hiehsan Island; from there to the White Dogs, strong N.E. winds; and a high sea with misty weather. Thence to port, decreased monsoon and sea, and mostly clear weather.

The British steamer *Pinguey* reports: Weather fine, but thick.
The British steamer *Acadie* reports: From Port to Cape Varella, moderate N.E. winds and fine clear weather; from there strong N.E. winds, high sea, rain and fog.
The British steamer *Fokien* reports: Had fresh to strong N.E. winds, and high sea.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
For SWATOW.—
For *Pakun*, at 7.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 5th inst.
For NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & YANCOOVER, B.C.—
For *Batavia*, at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 5th February.

For SINGAPORE & LONDON.—
For *Pinguey*, at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 5th inst.

For SAIGON.—
For *China*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 5th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
For *Amsona*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 6th February.

For SUVAI & CALCUTTA.—
For *Pinguey*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 6th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SAIGON.—
For *Deutera*, at 4.50 p.m., on Friday, the 6th inst.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to us as follows:—

Mr. Charles Bradlaugh is no more, and England will mourn his loss. Less than ten years ago he was in public opinion a vulgar obtrusive atheist, who had gained notoriety by his attacks on Christianity and by his connection with the publication of a reputedly obscene work entitled 'Fruits of Philosophy.' His election as member of Parliament for Northampton somewhat startled the political world of England, and the prejudice against him was so strong that the House of Commons would not allow him to take the oath or make an affirmation. All the influence of Mr. Gladstone, who was then at the head of a large majority, was unable to bring the House to accept 'the atheist.' For three long years, in spite of incessant struggles, which degenerated on one or two occasions into a physical encounter with the guardians of the House, and in spite of his three repeated election for Northampton, he was prevented from taking his place in the House, and had to content himself with a seat 'behind the bar.' His time came, however. The General Election of 1885 found him again at the head of the poll, and when on the assembling of Parliament he went forward to take the oath, no opposition was raised. Once admitted to the House of Commons, Mr. Bradlaugh showed that he was not merely a wild iconoclast. He astonished both his friends and his foes by the zeal with which he set himself to patiently study the great questions of the day, by the conciliatory spirit he adopted and by the sound practical opinions which he expressed. He gained the good opinion even of those who had most stoutly opposed his admission. When he rose to speak, Conservatives and Liberals listened to him with attention. Unlike many of the extreme Radicals, with whom he was partly associated, he was fully convinced of the importance of the Greater Britain beyond the sea. He took a lively interest in Indian affairs, about which the ordinary member of Parliament knows nothing and cares nothing; and although many of his ideas were crude, he had a very assimilative mind, and there seems little doubt that in time he would have earned a better claim to the title of 'Member for India' than any to whom it has yet been applied. His loss will be keenly felt by the organisers of the Native Congress, who, in their campaign for the extension of political liberty, looked to him as one of their most doughty champions in the British Parliament. The raving socialists of the Burns and Hyndman type who seek to overturn the existing social order, that they may establish a new order regulated in all its details by the State, found no sturdier opponent than Charles Bradlaugh, for whose individual liberty was too precious to be surrendered to governmental agency. In his political duties, Mr. Bradlaugh found a better field for his undoubted great talents than in a crusade against a religion which was still dear to the majority of his countrymen and which was entwined in their lives and thoughts. The old accepted notion that religious systems are the inventions of priests has passed away. It is now recognised that all religions, even the lowest, are important factors in the social evolution of the race and that their premature decay may lead to social disruption, as happened in France at the close of the last century. The softening process of time gradually converted Mr. Bradlaugh from the harsh relentless atheist of his early years to the sympathetic reasonableness of Epicurean agnosticism, and made him more anxious to be of service to his fellow-men in their practical everyday difficulties than to rob them of the 'larger hope' to which they fondly clung. The softening influence has been felt on both sides, and among those who mourn the loss of Charles Bradlaugh to the cause of practical social reform, there will be many of the most devoted followers of the religion which he once so rudely assailed and which he may have indirectly helped to purify of its harsher ecclesiastical and non-Christian dogmas.

The losses arising out of a fire at Bangkok on the 9th ultimo, no says the *Bangkok Times*, are estimated at £1,200,000. Nine persons were burnt to death, and the insurance companies have suffered heavily.

THE VALUE OF EXTRACTS OF EUCALYPTUS LEAVES for cleaning and disinfecting has been fully established. It is a frigate-disinfectant; a thousand gallons of fluid is made from a mound of leaves, and eight gallons of this keep the boiler clean for a thousand miles.

THE SUPREMACY DOWAGER has issued a decree in which she fixes the yearly annuity of the widow of Prince Ching at Ta. 30,000. This is the oldest son of the deceased, succeeded to his title under the style of Prince Li, and also receives a yearly grant of Ta. 50,000.

THE REPORT ON THE CUSTOMS SERVICE AND THE commercial movement in Indo-China during 1889 has just been published. It shows a total imports of 50 million francs, and an export of 57 millions, a total of 1,177,000,000, against 1,140,000,000 in 1888, or a decrease of 23 millions in 1889, of which imports account for nearly 8 millions. Amongst goods better, and Tong-King is the same in imports, but exports are therefore due to Indo-China, which imported 1,170,000,000 less of goods and exported 1,180,000,000 less. Since 1888 Cochin China has paid in subsidies 22 millions to Tong-King, which has crippled her purchasing power, whilst a bad harvest has reduced the exports. It is hoped now that both these causes will wholly disappear. French trade with the colony and protectorate amounted to 11 per cent. in 1887, 10 per cent. in 1888 and 17 per cent. in 1889, the balances being due with foreign countries (Hongkong and Singapore included).

Snow fell at Peking in the last part of the 18th moon, and since then the weather has been extremely warm for winter. People suffered much from throat disease, the mortality being great. Toward the end of the past moon a windstorm arose which continued towards night, when a heavy snow storm occurred. An intense cold followed and the streets were almost deserted.

THE TWO JAPANESE WAR-SHIP, conveying twenty-two survivors of the wreck of the Turkish frigate *Barbaros* in Japanese waters, were not at Port Said by the Imperial yacht *Faizeddin*, which was sent to welcome them on the part of the Sultan. Another frigate, the *Tifla*, was sent to Bessica with Admiral Surko Pasha, aide-de-camp, and a suite of English-speaking naval officers on board, carrying a firman authorising the passage of the ships through the Dardanelles. The Japanese commander in the *Tifla* received an autograph letter and a valuable present from the Emperor of Japan to the Sultan.

THE GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBIA has passed an Act extending the life of the Panama Canal Company two years. For this privilege it is to pay 10,000,000 francs in cash, and 5,000,000 in preferred stock. It is also to pay for certain lands which were donated to it by the original concession. Judging from the present status of the company it hardly seems likely that it will be able to comply with these conditions. The Panama Canal is a reasonably certain at some period in the future; but it looks now as though capitalists would hang back until the Nicaragua Canal is completed, and people can reckon on the volume of business which the enterprise would be likely to create.

RECENT applications for permission to marry were made by foreigners and Japanese in Kanagawa Kan last year. Divided according to nationality they were as follows:—Englishman and 1 Swiss married Japanese women. Another Englishman has received consent to marry a Japanese woman, but the marriage has not yet been effected. Another Englishman has become a Japanese subject and a member of his wife's household. An application to marry an American has been made by a Japanese woman, but as yet permission has not been given. Two women have asked for permission to marry Chinese men, but as yet have not received permission. Another request of the same kind was made by a Japanese woman, but was subsequently withdrawn.

THE various merchants of the large firms and houses have placed a petition in the hands of the Nippon Customs, stating that the Y-kai and Han-tai banks export dollars from Nippon and have them melted in Shanghai, so that dollars become daily scarcer and higher in value. The Customs accordingly issued a proclamation prohibiting such practices, and ordering the rulers to make an investigation and report. The prefect and the district magistrate are to record the case and carry out the instructions (contained in the proclamation). Now the Shien-koong bank with twenty-three others have invited the Gaijin directors to a conference and decided that the value of a dollar should not rise more than forty cents per thousand in one day. This decision was reported and the Gaijin issued a second proclamation limiting the increase to thirty cents a thousand in one day. *Native paper.*

I REFERRED recently, writes the London correspondent of the *Glasgow Herald*, to the position of the Germans in Siam, with a view to showing that the report that they were to have a monopoly of the supply of railway material was quite incorrect; the only foundation for the report was that the German Herr von Schlegel had been appointed head of the new railway construction bureau in Bangkok, an appointment which, however, in no degree interfered with the settled policy of the Siamese to call for tenders for the supply of railway material in all western manufacturing countries. I now learn on reliable authority that a British engineer, Mr. Wilkinson, has been appointed chief engineer to the Siamese Public Works Department, to which the railway bureau is subordinate, so that the British engineer is over Herr von Schlegel. This appointment dispels definitely the groundless report of the growth of German commercial and industrial influence in Siam.

THE naval authorities at home have received a very important report from the officer commanding in the Persian Gulf, who has been lately located for the purpose of combating the slave traders. It is a remarkable fact that notwithstanding all the activity of the British vessels sailing on the coast of the Gulf. The report contains a description of horrible scenes of slave life, and depicts the internal arrangements of a slave ship which was captured by one of His Majesty's vessels with 126 slaves crushed into a miserable den below hatches. It is shown also that it is fast becoming imperative to consider whether it is not advisable to increase the force of cruisers, and this we are assured, the home authorities in communication with the Government of India are carefully considering. Lord Salisbury gives the matter his special attention.

THE London correspondent of the *Glasgow Herald* writes:—About a fortnight ago, in reference to the case of Mr. Hoarson, the engineer of the Royal Navy who was arrested by order of the Chinese Government for alleged espionage, I mentioned that he owed his appointment in the Chinese Service to some extent to the high reputation of his brother, also a naval engineer, who was in Li Hung Chang's service. I now hear from China that the death of the latter has caused the Chinese to have served two commissions in the British fleet on the coast of China, when he entered the Chinese Service to form a torpedo school in Tientsin. Here he remained for six years, having established the school in question, and turned out yearly a number of officers who were fully qualified in this branch of naval science. Two years ago Mr. Hoarson's services to the Chinese were recognised by appointing him to the Order of the Double Dragon, an institution established especially for the reward of foreigners in the Chinese service.

THE recent attempt to set fire to the C. N. Co.'s Peking has turned a few heads in Shanghai. We read in the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 29th ult.:—We do not know where or how it originated, but there was a rumour widely circulated to-day, that the Chinese Government had intended to make a dreadful demonstration of some sort here, and part of their programme was to fire the Foreign Settlement in three different places. We may as well say that we do not believe that there is anything in the rumour, but its existence may tell us how the people are feeling at the moment, and for this reason only we put it into print. Such a scheme would certainly hurt, and the Chinese Government would certainly be able to claim and enforce the payment of an indemnity by the Chinese Government. It was the case a short time ago at Chinkiang.

Mr. David H. Moffat, ex-Senator to Labor, and other mining men, have, according to a Denver dispatch, decided upon a bold step to test the question of free carriage of silver in America under the present law. Arrangements have been made for an agent of Senator Labor to have ready a bar of silver containing 1,000 oz., accompanied by a certificate of its fineness from the mint. This will be presented at the Treasury Department at Washington, and a demand made that it be exchanged for in. The demand will, of course, be refused, when a writ of mandamus will be obtained from the United States Court, and the matter will be brought to a legal battle. The theory of this action is that the law and its interpretation are unconstitutional, and that the Government has no right to refuse coin or bullion.

A DANGEROUS ROCK in the Yangtze River has been blown up. It was in the part of the river running through the Tuck Wai district of the Kiangsi Province, and was known as the Wu Zak Pillar. Disasters were very frequent in this part of the Yangtze on account of this tall column of rock standing in the centre of the swiftly flowing river. When the Governor of the Province passed down last year on his way to inspect the troops, he remarked with a great danger this rock was, and some time after, on consulting with the District Magistrate, it was decided to mark the spot with lights fixed on iron posts driven into the river alongside the rock. To warn boats passing that way at night. This year the District Magistrate improved on the plan and having obtained the necessary sanction determined to remove the rock altogether. The operation was successful, and was witnessed by a great number of people. The Foreign method was employed to blast the rock, and after the completion of the work, there was no trace of obstruction in the water.

A CURIOUS story, which recalls a chapter in ancient history, comes from New York. A sailor, who had been in the service of the land, had landed from a steamer from Naples, confessed to the Commissioners of Immigration that he had served a term of imprisonment in his native land, for the crime of having committed adultery with a girl. His story was that he had loved a girl named Nanette, and that she had been seduced by him. Her parents had insisted on her marrying a more wealthy suitor, and she told her lover that the only way to defeat their object was to disfigure her. Accordingly at her request and with her assistance he slashed her cheeks with a knife, entirely destroying her beauty. She then fled to him, and he married her. The girl was so ugly that she was called 'the ugly woman.' He was in the habit of drinking too much after the performance was over. I was added to anything in the morning. I was staying at the Victoria Hotel. I drank principally whisky and soda. 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